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RESULTING FROM HALT USING EXPONENTIAL  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 17, 2005 in the above-identified application, the Applicant respectfully submits the following.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.